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EDITORIAL NOTES

By a new arrangement which it is believed will bring about a convenient handling of CONDOR affairs, Mr. J. Eugene Law will again act as Business Manager, while Mr. W. Lee Chambers will occupy the newly-created position of Assistant Business Manager. Since our magazine has grown to its present size the amount of business to be transacted during a year has become more than one person can conveniently attend to. By dividing the work between two business managers, the drudgery is duly lessened.

From now on, therefore, dues and subscriptions may be sent either to J. EUGENE LAW, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, or to W. LEE CHAMBERS, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

A new bird club has been organized. On December 19 last, at the home of Mr. W. L. Dawson in Seattle, was held an enthusiastic convention of northwestern bird students. The result was the formation of the "Caurinus Club", having as its emblem the Ancient Murrelet. The following officers were chosen: President, Mr. S. F. Rathbun; Vice-President, Mr. W. L. Finley; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Dawson. Beside those just named, Mr. J. H. Bowles, Mr. Allan Brooks and Mr. J. M. Edson were present as charter members. We wish the new society a very pleasant future.

Mr. Claude Cummings, an active member of the Cooper Club, was accidentally killed at his home in Pinole, Contra Costa County, by the discharge of a gun which he was cleaning. Mr.

Cummings' work among birds was done in Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and tho thru his modesty but little ever appeared in print he was a close and careful observer of the birds and obtained much information of value. It was in Sonoma that the writer first met Mr. Cummings and spent a number of days afield with him. In the death of Mr. Cummings the birds lose a friend and the Club a loyal member.—H. W. CARRIGER.

The sketch maps of Colorado used in Rockwell's article on "The History of Colorado Ornithology", form part of a very complete series of maps owned and publishd by the Clason Map Company of Denver, who generously permitted them to be publishd by THE CONDOR free of charge.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The November meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the Oakland Chamber of Commerce Building, 12th and Franklin Streets, Oakland, on the 21st inst., with ten members present and one visitor.

H. W. Carriger was selected as Secretary *pro tempore*. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as read.

A communication from the secretary of the Elmhurst Recreation Park Co. was read and placed on file. Applications for membership of Forrest Hanford, 1363 11th St., Oakland, proposed by J. Grinnell, and Stanley G. Jewett, 541 Lexington Ave., Portland, proposed by W. Otto Emerson, were, in accordance with the by-laws, laid over until the next meeting.

The election by the Southern Division of Mr. Clarence H. Luther of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was approved.

Mr. Grinnell moved that in the future, the Club meet monthly, alternate meetings to be held at Stanford, commencing on December 12, 1908; and the motion was carried.

Mr. J. E. Law, desiring to resign as Business Manager, on motion made by Mr. Grinnell, the chair appointed Mr. Lee Chambers of Santa Monica, as Business Manager for the balance of the year. On motion made by Mr. Emerson, the Club extended a vote of thanks to Mr. J. E. Law, retiring Business Manager, for faithful services rendered during the past year, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Law accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Grinnell the Club voted to publish Avifauna No. 5 (a bibliography of California ornithology), provided the Club-at-large be not responsible for any of the costs of publishing the same. Upon further motion Mr. Lee Chambers was selected as a committee of one to take charge of the financing of Avifauna No. 5.

Mr. Grinnell moved, and the motion carried, that the Club resolve to publish a ten-year index of THE CONDOR. Mr. W. O. Emerson was appointed by the Chair to secure the necessary funds to publish the ten-year index.

Nominations of officers for 1909 were held,

with the following result: for President, Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn; Senior Vice-Pres., Mr. H. S. Swarth and Dr. W. K. Fisher; Junior Vice-Pres., J. R. Pemberton and E. W. Gifford; Secretary, J. S. Hunter and Walter P. Taylor.

The business meeting over, Mr. E. W. Gifford read a paper describing what he saw at the home of Prof. C. O. Whitman of Chicago, who is studying pigeons from an evolutionary standpoint. Dr. D'Evelyn read extracts from a report of his friend Mr. Alwin Haagner, secretary of the South African Ornithological Union, in regard to the economic value of birds of prey. From this report it is evident that the residents of South Africa are about as ignorant of the value of our birds of prey as the people of our own country were a few years ago.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Emerson's paper on "Nestlings of the California Hawks and Owls" was held over until the next meeting.

Mr. H. L. Coggins, former secretary of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, spoke of the work of his Club and expressed himself as being highly pleased to meet with members of the Cooper Club, many of whom he had had the pleasure of corresponding with while at his home in Delaware.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Sec'y pro tem.*

SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The November meeting was called to order by Vice-President H. J. Lelande at his office in the City Hall, Los Angeles, Thursday evening, Dec. 3, 1908, with members W. Lee Chambers, Virgil W. Owen, George Willett, H. B. Kaeding, Howard Wright, Pingree I. Osburn, Chester Lamb, Howard Robertson, Willard Chamberlain and J. Eugene Law present; and visiting, Mr. Howard E. Carper.

The minutes of the last meeting, Oct. 1, 1908, were read and approved.

Applications for membership were presented as follows: Howard E. Carper, 5046 Fisher St., Los Angeles, Cal., proposed by H. B. Kaeding; H. E. Wilder, Riverside, Cal., proposed by Joseph Grinnell; Clarence H. Luther, Fayetteville, Ark., by application sent to the secretary; J. Warren Jacobs, Waynesburg, Pa., proposed by J. E. Law.

On motion by Mr. Willett, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain and duly carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing to active membership Luther J. Goldman, subject to the approval of the Club-at-Large.

On motion by Mr. Kaeding, seconded by Mr. Chambers and duly carried, Mr. Robertson was appointed a committee of one to assist Mr. Emerson of the Northern Division in raising funds to finance the Ten-year Index of THE CONDOR.

Mr. Kaeding outlined briefly the plan of the Index as follows, exhibiting a sample page:

The index records every record of every species that occurs in the entire CONDOR, whether Latin or vernacular name be used; gives all the authors and their writings ar-

ranged chronologically; and abbreviations will be eliminated as much as possible.

The primary idea in typographical arrangement will be to have a page so arranged as to appeal to the eye and to have the most important items in black face type so as to be readily found; with this idea in view, the name of the species will be in blackface type, and the names of the authors also; the volume will be indicated by a small Roman numeral in blackface and the page numbers will be light. Arranged in this way, the first thing that strikes the eye is the name sought; the next thing is the volume number, and then the page reference is easily found. In addition to this, there will be a few special lists, such as all new species in one list, and all albinos in one list, etc. The only abbreviation used will be "rev." for "review". The following excerpt shows style.

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There will be between 40 and 60 pages of index matter, comprising nearly fifteen thousand distinct records; the entire index matter including names and titles and numbers is about thirty thousand words—quite a respectable book; by the time the proof is read I will have put in about 600 hours on it. MS will be ready for the printer December 15.

Mr. Howard Wright exhibited a specimen of *Xantus Murrelet* and young a third grown, taken at Coronado Islands June 28, 1908. Ad-journed.

J. E. LAW, *Secretary.*